

January 5, 1920.

Miss Mabel G. Parker,
6701 Ridge Boulevard,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Miss Parker:

Two weeks ago, after approval by Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Lee, Miss Hodge and I sent out a letter to Synodical and Presbyterial officers and enclosed a leaflet. After much discussion it was agreed that this would better go under the imprint of General Council and it was so sent. As the material was shipped from the printer to me, the bill has come to me. I am just a little uncertain as to the machinery but I suppose this should go through you as treasurer of General Council. The bill should be paid promptly and I do not suppose that you have the funds with which to do this. Could you make requisition on the Woman's Board of Home Missions for half of the amount and through Mrs. Waters on the Central Committee for the other half and get this paid? I am leaving Wednesday morning for Atlantic City and will be away all of the week and will not be in the office again until next Monday. It is for that reason that I am mailing this material to you.

Trusting that you can adjust this matter believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

PRESIDENT
MRS. JOHN HARVEY LEE
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
MRS. CHARLES P. TURNER

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
501 WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA

RECORDING SECRETARY
MRS. RICHARD M. PEARCE
TREASURER
MISS JANET McMULLAN

January 10, 1920.

My dear Mrs. Bennett.

I am quite agreeable to your presenting the report for our Committee to General Council as you suggest, and believe it will at least "start something."

Mr. Harris has told me of your very trying experience following the extraction of a tooth. I am greatly distressed for you but hope that you are much improved by now. I always wish that your strength were really "the strength of ten" because you would be able to do such valuable work, ten times more than you do, if it were.

If you are able for General Council I am hoping to talk over some Phila.

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oues, but it will be a comfort to know
that you know and understand.

With sincerest wishes for you
always, I am

Faithfully yours.

(Mrs. John Harvey).

Elizabeth Park Lee.

6701 Ridg Boulevard
Brooklyn. N. Y.

January 10, 1920.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

I have been remiss in not acknowledging your letter of January fifth regarding the printers' bill for the joint General Council letter sent out by you and Miss Hodge. I wrote Mr. Niles immediately and as soon as I hear from him I will send him to effect from the Foreign Bureau and can then take up the matter with Miss Shirley.

I am so sorry dear Mrs. Bennett, to hear of your illness. Please take excellent care of our President so that she may soon come back to us.

Affectionately

Mabel Edmon Tarsu.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

6701 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn, N.Y.
March 1, 1920.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I am enclosing the minutes of the Annual Meeting of General Council. It hardly seemed wise to send them to Cuba.

All recommendations requiring Board action are marked (v.) The recommendation ~~the~~ on p. 17 entitled "General Council Publications" Mrs. Natus decided after the close of the meeting had failed to receive the required number of votes. She took the matter up with Miss Allis who has kindly consented to continue to serve as Secretary for Publications for the present.

I hope you have had a wonderful trip. We shall be so glad to see you next week.

Very sincerely
Mabel Gordon Parker

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

128 Claremont Avenue, New York.
March 23, 1920.

Mrs. F.S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I fear that I owe you many apologies for not having replied before this to your letter of January 26, but the letter was written just on the eve of your going south and the matter of the Continuation Committee to which^u referred and the appointing of its members was something which could easily wait until your return. I am hoping that this letter may, perhaps, welcome you after a journey which has proved refreshing and interesting.

Annual Meeting / You will remember that your letter suggesting a plan for appointing a Continuation Committee was sent to the Boards as ad-interim business and was approved by them. You will find in the minutes of General Council that this plan was recommended as a substitute for a recommendation from the Unification Committee of the Woman's Foreign Boards. I have not yet heard from the Secretary of General Council as to the final action of the Boards but this recommendation will doubtless be approved and, in view of its approval, I have asked three women from the Executive Committee of Central Committee who are specially interested in the work at the Home Base, and experienced in it, to serve on this committee. They are Mrs. H.B. McCrone, Mrs. H.B. Weitzel and Mrs. Peter Stryker.

I hope that I may not have seemed ungracious in being unwilling to continue as chairman of General Council until the union of the Foreign Boards was consummated. I had supposed that in January I would automatically cease to be chairman and had in the early fall, under much pressure, taken the chairmanship of our University Y.M.C.A. Woman's Auxiliary, an interesting piece of work but with problems of its own and too heavy to carry in addition to Central Committee and General Council. The C.C. term extended until May and the only relief from an amount of work which it would be impossible to perform creditably was that

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of the expected passing of the chairmanship of General Council into other hands, in January, when the first meeting with the University Auxiliary would occur. I have been very glad to render this service to our Boards though I have been very conscious of my deficiencies and have regretted that I had not been able to accomplish all that I had hoped in this connection. I sometimes felt that if the work of General Council were done as I would like to do it, it would consume easily all the time I had to give to outside work. It is really a big structure with room for larger development but under the new order of things, can, with our united Foreign work, function more easily and efficiently than has been possible heretofore.

I appreciate greatly the cordial support and help you have always given me, dear Mrs. Bennett, in this united work for our Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. H. E.)

Alma O. Hallow.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

126 Claremont Avenue, New York.
March 31, 1920.

Mrs. F.S. Bennett,
156, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

We missed you from the meeting of General Council on January 21st. but kept you loyally in mind throughout the day. In the morning the Chairman opened the meeting with a brief devotional service, including the reading of portions of your very beautiful "Call to Prayer" in the January number of *The Home Mission Monthly* and it seemed only fitting that in her report there should be reference to the origin of General Council in the Chicago Conference, in November 1915, the purpose of the organization, and the accomplishment of the last five years.

You have, of course, read the minutes of the meeting and know that I was instructed to write to you "to whose vision and faith General Council owed its existence, expressing deep appreciation for all that the organization has meant to the Boards in promoting mutual understanding and cooperation and to the constituency in the benefits that have resulted from the closer cooperation at headquarters and on the field." I can only emphasize these words which so fittingly express the indebtedness to you of the Woman's Boards of Missions of the Presbyterian Church and add that the meeting closed with a very beautiful season of prayer expressing gratitude for the closer cooperation of the Woman's Boards brought about by General Council and for a greater spirit of unity in their aim to bring to those whose spiritual welfare has been entrusted to them by the Church, a knowledge of Christ and of His transforming power.

In conclusion, may I express my very deep appreciation of your continued interest in the work of General Council during my chairmanship, your ready sympathy in counsel and active cooperation in promoting its activities. It has been a pleasure to render this service to our Boards though I have been carrying, at the same time, so many responsibilities that I have not done in this connection all that I would have liked to do, nor all that I had hoped.

Very cordially yours,

Alma O. Walter *Pres. A. C.*

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

6701 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn, New York

March 31, 1920.

To
Members of General Council.

Dear Friends:

The six Foreign Boards and the Woman's Board of Home Missions have approved the recommendations of General Council as recorded in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 21, 1920, and they are therefore of effect.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions accepted with the following reservation and suggestions:

Percent of Increase (see Minutes, P. 11)

Upon motion it was voted that "The Woman's Board of Home Missions reluctantly acquiesces in the recommendation of General Council but registers its continued judgment that the equal per cent of increase is the wiser administrative method and more in accordance with the desire of the constituency".

Over Sea and Land (P. 14)

The recommendation was approved, but it was suggested that the wording of the last phrase be amended to read as follows, "with the understanding that General Council will if necessary subsidize to the extent of \$400 additional".

Continuation Committee (P. 16)

The recommendation was approved with the suggestion that the words "as above outlined" be added to the closing sentence.

In accordance with the action approved by all Boards that General Council shall suspend its present activities upon the completion of the routine in connection with the approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 1920, General Council automatically ceases to exist with this report to you of Board actions.

Announcement of the members of the Continuation Committee will be sent as soon as possible.

Very sincerely,

Mabel Gordon Parker
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Secretary.

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE
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19 HUMPHREY STREET, ENGLEWOOD, N. J.

Mrs. A. E. Waters,
126 Claremont Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters:

I have at hand your letter of March 31st and I find myself embarrassed in trying to thank you and through you General Council for the most kind and unmerited words in regard to my relationship to General Council. That group was made possible only through the fine spirit of cooperation constantly evidenced. We did think sometimes that it was the "one more thing" but doubtless it was needed for the period during which it served. I trust the Continuation Committee is going to bring us yet closer in those matters which refer to the Home Base. It has been a great pleasure to come to know you personally through this work and I hope that we shall not lose sight of each other even though General Council will have gone out of existence.

I have been meaning to write you in reference to your former letter telling of the appointment of Mrs. McCrone, Mrs. Stryker and Mrs. Weitzel as members of the Continuation Committee. I felt that this group did not need to meet at once and I desire, if possible, to make appointments at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Board on April 17th so that from year to year this matter might come up in regular order. If there is any embarrassment in my waiting until that date, I will make appointments at once. I suppose that as the outgoing chairman of General Council, you will be the only one who will have the authority to call the Continuation Committee together to organize. It might be possible to do this when we are all in Philadelphia so that we might be able to function when it became necessary. Would this meet with your approval?

I have heard of your election as chairman of the School of Foreign Missions at Northfield in place of Mrs. Peabody, resigned. I congratulate the School of Missions upon the choice it has made and I know that under your leadership the fine work of the past will be continued and new lines of effort undertaken. I only hope that for you the burden is not going to be too great.

With every cordial good wish believe me that I am, now and always,

Faithfully yours,

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK
OF GENERAL COUNCIL
OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
ROOM 636, 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

Mrs. Lee

Mrs. Davidson

April 16 1920

Mrs Fred S Bennett,
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mrs Bennett:-

In going over the pile of papers on my desk, I find a letter from you with an inquiry about Scholarships under the Board of Education, still unanswered. There were several other things in the letter which we had talked over, and in some way this had been overlooked.

I am inclosing Blanks and "Rules Governing" the various scholarships and Loans, offered by the Board of Education. I have marked the ones, we are especially interested in. Up to this year there has been little available outside of Medical or Ministerial education. The rules as you see have been made fairly broad, this year. I am told that they are right now, revising their policies to submit them to General Assembly next month. If accepted, they will be even broader, and more liberal, and will include much for the Home Field.

We have never actually gotten a scholarship for any of our girls, but it has been held up at our end, not theirs. Mrs Seeley however said that she had gotten several, and had never been discouraged or turned down. We have really had splendid co-operation from the B. of E. this year and they have given us every attention and have seemed very anxious to have our girls have any help, they could give. We have several girls considering these scholarships right now.

We have two elevators running today, Brother Johnson and the old Professor, still on the job. I have offered my services for rush hours through Mr McMillan, but my offer has not yet been accepted, though Mr McMillan tells me that it will be. Everyone is very good natured and walks or waits as the need demands.

I hope you will pardon my delay in this matter and if I can get any more information for you, please let me do it.

The moving is coming nicely, Ellen has gone to Orange today and says that she is going to praise Mr Odell to the skies in his own church. Ellen wired Mrs Turner to come tomorrow and she will meet her at Newark. Hope you are getting a bit of much needed rest while you are marooned.

Most Sincerely,

Theresa P. Baker

WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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June 21, 1920.

Mrs. J. Harvey Lee,
Miss A. M. Davison,

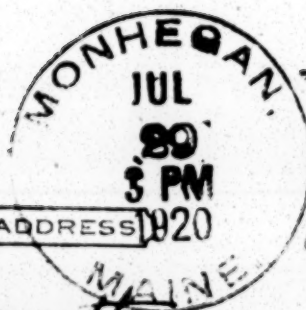
Dear Friends:

I had hoped that when we were at Philadelphia there might be opportunity to talk over the matter that had been entrusted to us; that is of securing scholarships for young women from the general Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church. We were supposed to continue as a committee to follow up this matter. I talked with Miss Tyler about the matter and she said that she thought there would be no trouble in securing these. In a letter written by her in the spring she says:

"We have never actually gotten a scholarship for any of our girls, but it has been held up at our end, not theirs. Mrs. Seeley however said that she had gotten several, and never been discouraged or turned down. We have really had splendid cooperation from the B. of E. this year and they have given us every attention and have seemed very anxious to have our girls have any help, they could give. We have several girls considering these scholarships right now."

Do you understand that we should proceed in this matter in view of the fact of the new Woman's Board of Foreign Missions or should there be a reappointment of a committee? I do not want to hold this matter up any longer if it is our responsibility but I want to be clear that it has been referred to us. I shall be glad to hear from you relative to this.

Very sincerely yours,



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. J. L. Bennett
156 Fifth Ave.
New York
N. Y.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Tribler Collages
Monhegan, Maine
July 30, 1920

Your letter of July 21 is received re Com. on
Scholarships through the Board of Education. I agree
with your suggestion as to method of procedure.

Just as I left N. Y. I received from that Board
a copy of its rules as revised which permit it to aid
students for "medical missions", for "mission service",
for "lay work", and a copy of their application blank.
You should have the same. They are evidently ready
to help us. - The air, scenery & people here are delightful!

Sincerely yrs, M. E. Hodge

WOMEN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
ROOM 818 NEW YORK

Long Acres Farm

Dundee, N.Y.

July 17th, 1920.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:—

I trust that someone has been good enough to explain to you why you have never heard from me in response to your letter of the 21st June, in regard to our Scholarship Committee. When I received it, I was in Roosevelt Hospital, recovering from an appendicitis operation. I should have handed it to someone who could have replied, but—well, I just did n't!! Please forgive me this time and I'll promise never to do so again. I spent three weeks in the hospital, thus missing the new Board meeting and the Post War Conference at Princeton. You can imagine the disappointment, but oh, I am so thankful that I did not miss the Jubilee. A fortnight ago to-day, I went home, and then my friend of the farm came to be with me and she brought me here and I am getting well so fast, only the doctors told me I must be lazy this summer, and if you will believe me, I am thoroughly enjoying it!

In regard to the scholarships, I should like you and Mrs. Lee to decide, and I will gladly abide by your decision. If our committee was to be continued, it seems to me we should follow up the matter with the Board of Education. That seems to be a possibility, from what Miss Tyler tells us of Mrs. Seeley's success. With great regrets that I have proved such a broken reed, and with

the hope that you will have a pleasant and restful summer,

With warm greetings,

Yours faithfully,

Alice M. Davidson

PRESIDENT
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July 19, 1920.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett, -

In reply to your letter of June 21, to Miss Davison and myself regarding the securing of scholarships for young women from the General Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, I would say that so far as I am concerned the matter had rather dropped from my mind until the new National Board was able to function in such matters.

I think that you and Miss Hodge might discuss this question and arrive at some conclusion in the matter, particularly as to the status of our Committee. Personally, I would feel that since General Council has ceased to function in its former manner that the old Committees of General Council would also cease unless they had been definitely ordered to continue their work.

If I am wrong in my opinion, you and Miss Hodge can set me straight very soon and I shall be glad to assist you in any way that I can in the matter of securing scholarships from the Board of Education for I believe that that Board should assist girls to receive an education quite as much as boys.

With best wishes for the summer, I am

Faithfully yours,

Elizabeth Park Lee.

(Mrs. John Harvey Lee)

July 21, 1920.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Lee:

It seems to me that the suggestion in your letter of recent date that we allow the matter of scholarships for the Board of Education for girls to wait on the functioning of the new National Board is a very wise one and I am writing Miss Hodge that we shall consider that our committee has been discharged and the matter may come up later if it seems desirable.

Trusting that your summer is going to have at least some degree of rest in it and that you are coming back to the fall work thoroughly refreshed believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

July 21, 1920.

Miss A. M. Davison,
Long Acres Farm,
Dundee, New York.

My dear Miss Davison:

I did not know when I wrote you on June 21st that you were in the hospital neither did I hear this until just a few days ago. It seems that everybody assumed that I knew all about it and therefore no one happened to make a point of telling me. I am afraid operations for appendicitis are becoming a habit with the Foreign Board. Miss Hodge tells me that you had a room reserved for her but she managed to escape you all! I am so glad that you have gotten up to Dundee and I trust that you will really be very indolent all summer long. I am frank to tell you that it sounds good to me to think of a summer of even comparative idleness. I had hoped to get considerable rest but in view of the sudden leaving of the Board of the Superintendent of Schools, I am plunged into the midst of much unexpected work and all my plans are now uncertain.

A letter from Mrs. Lee received yesterday thinks that our committee on scholarships for girls through the Board of Education might rest until the new National Board can function and this seems to me a wise solution so that I shall write Miss Hodge that I quite agree with this view point.

With every cordial good wish believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

July 21, 1920.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
Tribler Cottages,
Monhegan Island, Maine.

My dear Miss Hodge:

There was one matter that I neglected to speak to you about yesterday and that was that General Council sometime ago appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Lee, Miss Davison and myself to consider the question of securing scholarships for girls through the Board of Education. The committee made a report at the last meeting of General Council and it was my understanding that the action was that the committee should be asked to continue. I have written Mrs. Lee and Miss Davison, it seems to be their thought - in which I heartily concur - that this committee should go out of existence with the body which appointed it and that this matter of scholarships should rest until your National Board is functioning when our two bodies can through our Continuation Committee take up the matter again.

I am sorry to follow you with this letter but it needs no reply if you agree. Just place it in your file of suspended matters and next year we may reopen the case.

Faithfully yours,

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